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## Aruba's Airport welcomes for the first time their 1 millionth passenger within one year



## Obama is Time's person of year



NEW YORK (AFP) - Time magazine on Wednesday named recently re-elected US

President Barack Obama as its person of the year for 2012 -- the second time it has accorded him the accolade.

Obama now not only has a reelection as America's first black president and a Nobel peace prize under his belt, but he beat fancied runners-up, including brave Pakistani girls' rights activist Malala Yousafzai, to be enshrined again as Time's dominant personality of the year.

The venerable American news magazine put Obama on its cover, striking a

thoughtful, statuesque pose, and said he deserved the honor as "the symbol and in some ways the architect of this new America."

The magazine lauded Obama's campaigning prowess, noting he was the first president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt to win more than 50 percent of the vote in two straight elections and the first president since 1940 to be re-elected despite a jobless rate above 7.5 percent.

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## Krizeks share a toast with AAA CEO Peter Steinmentz and Director of Operations Jurgen Benschop

Yesterday, the Reina Beatrix International Airport celebrated a landmark moment: for the first time in the airport's history they surpassed having one million paying passengers arrive on Aruba by air within the year. Aruba Airport Authority CEO Peter Steinmentz was joined by Director of Operations, Jurgen Benschop, to personally welcome Marie Krizek of Manchester, New Hampshire arriving on Jet Blue flight B6 756 at 12:45 PM, with her husband Radek, as the one millionth passenger to fly to Aruba in 2012.

Marie and Radek were escorted by airport manage-

ment to the VIP room with local paparazzi in tow. The Krizeks are spending their fourth holiday season on Aruba after their first visit six years ago. They confessed that was their first time in the Caribbean and they were so won over by "the beautiful island, the wonderful, hospitable people and perfect weather, we never cared to go anywhere else."

Radek revealed that when they were first approached by airport officers after passing through immigration, "we thought there was some problem with our luggage. This was a complete surprise."

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## Minister receives keys to renovated Court House!



Last Monday afternoon the Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers, received from Yvonne Web-Kock of the Monuments Bureau, the keys of the newly renovated and expanded Court of Justice Building.

This project entailed the restoration of the historical section of the building, as well as the expansion of the complex with a totally new section to accommodate the needs of a modern and safe Court of Justice.

The age of the traditional building posed some surprises during construction. Thanks to the guidance and creativity of the Monuments Bureau, Hoevertz Archide-sign and Van Kessel Construction, they were able to integrate several aspects into the restoration. Among other features, they preserved the section of the floor with traditional tiles, as well as a well

that is now covered with a glass floor where everyone can observe how this well was dug by our forefathers.

The Minister was pleased that the Court of Justice can move back to a new monumental building, restored and expanded to offer maximum security for all, and which has become a historical cultural jewel. He called it... "a center where integrity must be protected," referring to the important function of the court. The Minister anticipates that the move back to the new premises will be around June/July 2013.

Special thanks went out to all involved in the construction and renovation process, namely, The Monuments Bureau, Van Kessel Construction, DOW and other companies involved in making the facilities a historical cultural monument where cases will be tried and justice expounded.

## Aruba's Airport welcomes for the first time their 1 millionth passenger...

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Marie admitted she was a bit overwhelmed by all the local media attention, "but overwhelmed in a very nice way."

Mr. Steinmetz presented the charming couple with several gifts, including round trip tickets with Jet Blue to return to the island in 2013. Though they have always stayed at Amsterdam Manor, they will have the opportunity to try the Westin Aruba Resort, which gifted them with a one week stay. Hyatt Regency Resort also provided a complimentary Sunday Brunch at their famous Ruinas Del Mar Restaurant.

A lovely etched trophy commemorating Marie's status as Aruba's millionth visitor, plus a bag full of AAA logo gear was bundled into VIP transport to their resort. The couple was prepared to rent a car and drive to the Amsterdam Manor, but they enjoyed the full hospitality and celebrity treatment of the Aruba Airport Authority.

The fact that this year the Reina Beatrix Airport will have welcomed over one million paying passengers demonstrates that 2012 has been very good for Aruba despite circumstances such as harsh weather in the northeast reducing the anticipated numbers.

Airport authorities thoroughly enjoyed making Marie and Radek Krizek aware of their very special status.



**Steinmetz with Marie Krizek**



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Once more the little ones of Aruba were fortunate to receive lovely gifts from the hands of the Caribbean

Princess crew. Children of Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad met in the Renaissance Convention Center to enjoy a

great time and receive a lovely gift.

Every year during this special Christmas time the



Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) sends gifts on board their cruises to the Caribbean. Together with FCCA, the Aruba Tourism Authority chooses the organization or foundation to receive the gifts. This year they chose the Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad.

The children were simply ecstatic when their names were called by Santa Claus to receive a gift. Ernest Giel, Visitor Care Liaison of ATA directed the event. Children also received a lovely T-Shirt. Obviously, the occasion was

also replete with delicious Aruban "pasabocas."

ATA expressed much gratitude to all who cooperated to make this event such a success. Special thanks were in order for Renaissance Convention Center who allowed the use of their facilities at no charge. Also, thanks to De Palm tours who transported the cruise line crew. Our local children enjoyed themselves and are extremely happy with their lovely gifts.

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'Bring on Tomorrow' has been added to the new logo

of AIG. In Aruba, the process is still ongoing and necessary legal and regulatory approvals are being obtained right now.

In keeping with AIG's slogan 'Bring on Tomorrow', AIG ARUBA Insurance decided to make a donation to two worthy causes in Aruba – young children & elderly persons. The first donation was received by Ms Anky Vrolijk,

General Secretary of YMCA at the hands of Prakash & Niti Gupta. And the second one was handed over to the team of 'Cas di Glas' held in support of White Yellow Cross who will dedicate funds to the cause of elderly care in Aruba

Accompanying photos show the donations made by AIG Aruba and the guests present at the ceremony.





### Merchants of The Village get together for the Clown Doctors of Aruba



The merchants of The Village, the attractive shopping mall across from the Radisson Resort, are joining forces for a good cause: the Clown Doctors of Aruba. They do this through selling red clowns' noses on Thursday, November 20th for \$ 5.--. All proceeds will go to the good cause; various merchants will have special sales going on to add to the donation. Señor Frogs' clown will be in action, folding balloons. Fun hats will be worn by all. Representatives of the Clown Doctors Foundation of Aruba will be present as well, explaining their work to those who are interested in learning more about what a 'contact' clown's job is.

The Clown Doctors of Aruba visit the children's ward of the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital on a regular basis, bringing laughs and smiles in a difficult time for the little kids; they also visit the mentally challenged children as well as the elderly on Aruba. Especially the elderly are a very rewarding group, as they are not improving or leaving the home where they are living. The elderly are greatly looking forward to the visits of the clowns: it is a moment of interaction, of the personal attention they crave. The Clown Doctors of Aruba are very grateful to Rosie Walisever, who initiated this fundraising evening at The Village. A wonderful gesture.

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## 'Dirty Harry,' 'The Matrix' added to US film archive

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Clint Eastwood cop drama "Dirty Harry," sci-fi epic "The Matrix" and timeless romantic comedy "Breakfast at Tiffany's" are among 25 films being added to the US National Film Registry.

"The Times of Harvey Milk," a 1984 documentary about the life and assassination of San Francisco's first openly gay lawmaker, will also join classics like "Citizen Kane" and "Casablanca" in America's official film

archive, the registry announced Wednesday.

Librarian of Congress James Billington said the National Film Registry, established in 1989, "spotlights the importance of preserving America's unparalleled film heritage."

To qualify for possible inclusion films have to be at least 10 years old and "culturally, historically or esthetically" significant, said the registry, part of the Library of Congress.



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## Obama is Time's person of year

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Obama beat Republican Mitt Romney soundly in November's election to win a second four year term, despite presiding over a chronic economic slump.

"In 2012, he found and forged a new majority, turned weakness into opportunity and sought, amid great adversity, to create a more perfect union," said Time, which had named Obama person of the year back in 2008 when he won his historic first presidential election.

Perhaps the most poignant alternative to Obama on Time's shortlist was Yousafzai, the 14-year-old Pakistani girl who continued to campaign for the right to education after being shot and nearly killed by the Taliban.

The others were Apple CEO Tim Cook, Egypt's post-revolutionary President

Mohamed Morsi, and atomic physicist Fabiola Gianotti.

Person of the year, or what was long called "man of the year," acknowledges what the magazine considers to be the world's biggest newsmaker, or influential mover.

Since the tradition started in 1927, US presidents have systematically featured, as have big names like Microsoft's Bill Gates, but also more symbolic winners like "the protester" last year or "US scientists" in 1960.

In the past Time has showed its editorial teeth by naming sinister figures Adolf Hitler in 1938 and Joseph Stalin both in 1939 and 1942.

But since the leader of Iran's Islamist revolution, Ayatollah Khomeini, graced the cover in 1979, the magazine has tended to shy from picks that might upset its mostly American readership. A notable absence was al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

Obama could not be a less controversial choice.

Time said he swept to the head of the pack because of his ability to grasp the demographic and social changes shifting the United States.

"The truth is," Obama told Time, "that we have steadily become a more diverse and tolerant country that embraces people's differences and respects people who are not like us. That's a profoundly good thing. That's one of the strengths of America."

Time said Obama was about "convergence of past and future" and said his second term would see him being "more assertive, more personal, more willing to risk his political capital for what he truly believes."

## UK holds fire on abusive Facebook, Twitter users

LONDON (AFP) - British prosecutors announced new guidelines on Wednesday making it less likely that Twitter and Facebook users will face criminal charges for offensive messages they post online.

The guidelines, intended to draw a line between genuine threats and misjudged jokes, have been published following a sharp rise in the number of prosecutions over the past two years, and resulting concerns over freedom of speech.

In one high-profile case, a man was convicted in 2010 for joking on Twitter about blowing up Robin Hood airport in central England after his flight was cancelled due to a snow storm. The conviction was quashed in July.

Under the new rules, Internet trolls who persecute individuals, make credible threats of violence or breach court orders -- for example on victim anonymity -- will still face charges, Director of Public Prosecutions Keir Starmer said.

But he said prosecutors should question whether to take action against those who post online messages that may be considered "grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or false", which are currently crimes.

If the message is swiftly removed, blocked, intended only for a small audience or not obviously something that would be tolerated in a normal social situation, or if the person responsible apologises, prosecution is not recommended.

"These interim guidelines are intended to strike the right balance between freedom of expression and the need to uphold the criminal law," Starmer said.

## UN, Europe, Russia warn Israel over settlements

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations and UN Security Council powers on Wednesday condemned Israel's heightened settler construction in the Palestinian territories as a threat to flagging peace efforts.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon and the UN envoys from several European Union countries, Russia and China warned Israel against building thousands of new settler homes approved in recent weeks.

US ambassador Susan Rice did not join their public attack on Israel, but slammed the "provocative" act of the United States' major ally during closed UN Security Council consultations.

Israel has approved thousands of new homes in the West Bank and occupied East Jerusalem since the UN General Assembly voted on November 29 to recognize Palestine as a non-member state.

Israel gave the green light to plans for 2,610 homes in East Jerusalem and tenders for 1,048 units in the West Bank just before the UN meeting.

UN secretary general Ban

said the Israel-Palestinian peace process was in "deep freeze," worsened by the settlement approvals.

"I call on Israel to refrain from continuing on this dangerous path, which will undermine the prospects for a resumption of dialogue and a peaceful future for Palestinians and Israelis alike," he said.

The United Nations also called on Israel to end its freeze on transferring customs and tax payments that it collects for the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

UN ambassadors from Britain, France, Germany and Portugal highlighted European fears over the peace stalemate and stressed that their governments "strongly oppose" the Israeli construction.

"Israel's announcements to accelerate the construction of settlements send a negative message and are undermining faith in its willingness to negotiate," they said in a statement read by British ambassador Mark Lyall Grant.

"The viability of the two-state solution, that is key for Israel's long-term security, is threatened by the systematic expansion of settlements," Lyall Grant added.

## Modi, touted as PM candidate, set for Indian poll win

AHMEDABAD, India, Dec 20, 2012 (AFP) - Election results due in the Indian state of Gujarat on Thursday are likely to seal Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi's status as a frontrunner in 2014 national polls. Modi, who swept to victory in the previous two state elections, is looking for a big win to boost his national profile, stained by deadly Hindu-Muslim riots in the state in 2002.

Gujarat, which has a population of 60 million people, is one of India's fastest-growing and most pro-business states but it was badly scarred by the riots in which 2,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed.

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## International News

### US to seek death penalty for Afghan massacre soldier

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Prosecutors will seek the death penalty for an American soldier accused of killing 16 Afghan villagers in one of the most appalling atrocities of the war, the US military said Wednesday.

Staff Sergeant Robert Bales faces 16 counts of murder, six of attempted murder, seven of assault, two of using drugs and one of drinking alcohol. Seventeen of the 22 victims were women or children and almost all were shot in the head.

Bales is to face a full court martial authorized to sentence him to a maximum penalty of death for the alleged March massacre, the military announced.

But it stressed that for capital punishment to be imposed,

the court martial must unanimously agree certain conditions.

The 39-year-old allegedly left his base in the Panjwayi district of southern Kandahar province on the night of March 11 to commit the killings, which included nine children. He allegedly set several of their bodies on fire.

Prosecutors at the Article 32 pre-trial hearing alleged that Bales left the base twice to carry out the killings, returning in between and even telling a colleague what he had done.

At the time of the the incident, Bales was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Pending his trial he will remain in custody at the base, south of Seattle.

### Three top US officials resign after Benghazi review

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Three top officials in the State Department resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing report which slammed "systemic failures" and "management deficiencies" in the Benghazi attack, US media said.

Assistant Secretary Eric Boswell, head of the bureau of diplomatic security, and Charlene Lamb, deputy assistant secretary for international programs, have stepped down, CNN and CBS television said, citing unnamed department officials.

The third person who had submitted their resignation was not identified.

This came just hours after a five-strong panel issued a long-awaited inquiry into the militant attack on the US mission in the Libyan city of Benghazi.

Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in the September 11 attack, which has been blamed on Al-Qaeda militants.

The panel, appointed by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, identified those offices as the bureau of diplomatic security and of near Eastern affairs.

Deputy Secretary Bill Burns acknowledged Wednesday that the report took "a clear-eyed look at serious, systemic problems, which are unacceptable."

## S. Korea elects first female president

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea elected its first female president Wednesday, with voters handing a historic victory to conservative candidate Park Geun-Hye, daughter of the country's former military ruler.

As leader of Asia's fourth-largest economy, Park, 60, will face numerous challenges, handling a belligerent North Korea, a slowing economy and soaring welfare costs in one of the world's most rapidly ageing societies.

It was a bitter defeat for Moon, 59, the son of North Korean refugees and a former human rights lawyer who was



once jailed for protesting against Park Chung-Hee's rule.

With more than 99.3 percent of the vote counted, Park had

secured 51.6 percent against Moon's 48 percent, the report said.

Park has never married and has no children -- a fact that makes her popular with voters tired of corruption scandals surrounding their first families.

A female president will be a huge change for a country that the World Economic Forum recently ranked 108th out of 135 countries in terms of gender equality -- one place below the United Arab Emirates and just above Kuwait.

Park's presidential inauguration will be held on February 25.

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## Health & Living

### Maya descendants face discrimination, poverty



GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - At its peak, the Maya civilization had one of the richest cultures in the Americas. Today, ethnic Mayas in central America and Mexico suffer from discrimination, exploitation and poverty.

In Guatemala, where nearly half of the population is indigenous, descendants of the once-mighty ancient civilization have even fallen victims to genocide.

The rich Maya culture will be in the global spotlight Friday when revelers -- and doomsday watchers -- will mark the end of a 5,200-year era as sketched out

in the elaborate Mayan calendar.

But the plight of indigenous Mayas in the region will likely go undiscussed.

"The indigenous population was always seen as cheap labor and this persists to this day," said Guatemalan anthropologist Alvaro Pop, a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

"They are seen as a tool and are not the focus of public policies."

The Maya civilization reached its peak between the years 250 and 900, but then slipped into decline around 1200.

Three centuries later, during Spanish colonization, the Mayas were dispossessed of their lands and reduced to poverty as well as servitude.

Today, there are currently an estimated 20 to 30 million direct descendants of the ancient civilization living in southern Mexico, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, where the indigenous group is most prevalent.

In Guatemala, ethnic Mayas often find themselves on the margins of society, with limited access to education, health care and other basic services. Their native languages are not officially recognized.

Within the indigenous community, which accounts for 42 percent of Guatemala's 14.3-million-strong population, the poverty rate is 80 percent.

Nearly six in 10 indigenous children suffer from chronic malnutrition, and the infant mortality rate has hit an alarming rate of 40 per 1,000 live births, according to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

But ethnic Mayas paid perhaps the heaviest price during Guatemala's civil war that pitted the army against leftist guerrillas from 1960 to 1996.

More than 600 massacres of indigenous communities were recorded during that period and tens of thousands of Indians sought refuge in southern Mexico.

And once again, Mayan descendants are being expelled from their lands -- this time, to make way for hydro-electric, mining or farming projects.

In Honduras, the growing demand for African palm oil, a key ingredient in cosmetics and processed foods, is fueling deadly land disputes, pitting large landowners against landless peasants.

### Haiti seeks \$144 mn aid to address food security

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - The UN and Haiti's government are calling for \$144 million in aid to meet critical humanitarian needs of more than a million of the country's most vulnerable people.

The 2013 Humanitarian Action Plan launched this week seeks in particular to address the problem of food insecurity in the Caribbean nation -- which was already the poorest in the Americas, even before the 2010 earthquake that devastated infrastructure and killed more than 250,000 people.

According to official figures, around two million Haitians are currently unable to ensure consistent access to sufficient amounts of safe, nutritious food.

This year was tough for Haiti, said Nigel Fisher, the UN's humanitarian representative in Haiti, citing a drought, Tropical Storm Isaac and Hurricane Sandy.

These events "left millions of people across the country with less food, fewer jobs and fewer fields to work. We must help them re-establish themselves," he said.

Fisher called on international partners to continue their aid efforts in Haiti, saying stopping too soon could set the country back.

For instance, he said, lack of sufficient funding could threaten the new framework that has been put in place to respond to emergencies, as well as aggravate

### Russia parliament says no to US adoptions

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia's lower house of parliament gave key support Wednesday to a bill banning Americans from adopting children, resulting in a huge outcry from rights groups.

The bill, which came in retaliation for a US measure that punishes Russia for its rights record under President Vladimir Putin, was approved by 400 lawmakers in the 450-seat chamber.

The tough measure bans adoption of Russian children by US families, ends the bilateral adoption agreement between the two countries, and forbids US adoption agencies from working in the Russia.

With several dozen people protesting outside, police officers placed the Duma building under virtual lockdown, bringing reinforcements in anticipation of large rallies.

Putin will then need to sign the bill before it enters into

law, possibly as early as the start of next year.

Of the 3,400 Russian children adopted by foreign families in 2011, 956 -- nearly a third -- were adopted by Americans, according to official figures. Eighty nine of those adopted were disabled children.

Although Russian adoptions have declined over the past five years due to increased regulations, Russia is still the third largest source of adoptions for the United States, according to official figures.



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## Sci-Tech

# US toughens online privacy rules for children

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators unveiled new regulations Wednesday aimed at strengthening online privacy protections for children, to reflect the growing use of mobile apps and social networks.

The Federal Trade Commission said its updated rules require websites or online services to get consent from parents if they are directed to children under 13 or if they have knowledge that they are collecting personal information from young children.

But FTC chairman Jon Leibowitz said the final rules in the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act stepped back from some earlier proposals, which would have made companies liable for most "plug-ins" such as the Facebook "like" button or Twitter's "tweet" button.

"I am confident that the amendments to the COPPA Rule strike the right balance between protecting innovation that will provide rich and engaging content for children,

and ensuring that parents are informed and involved in their children's online activities," said Leibowitz.

Liebowitz told reporters that websites will still be able to direct ads to children, and that "the only limit we place is on behavioral advertising," which is based on a person's browsing activity.

The rules close some loopholes on online operators who can be liable for violations of the law, which was passed by Congress in 1998.

But the regulations noted that in light of comments received on draft proposals, the FTC decided that the rules should not encompass platforms, such as Google Play or the App Store, that offer access to "someone else's child-directed content."

Third-party plug-ins would be responsible only where they have "actual knowledge that they are collecting personal information from users of a child-directed site," the FTC rules state.

# Users riled Instagram will have its way with pictures

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Instagram faced a backlash as users debated whether to dump the smartphone-sharing service due to a rule change giving it a royalty-free, worldwide license to posted images.

Changes to the privacy policy and terms of service at Facebook-owned Instagram taking effect on January 16 include wording that lets people's pictures be used by advertisers at either online venue.

"You hereby grant to Instagram a non-exclusive, fully paid and royalty-free, transferable, sub-licensable, worldwide license to use the content that you post on or through the service," the new terms of service state.

Instagram contended that it is not claiming ownership of people's pictures, just that it can do what it wishes with images.

Twitter and Instagram forums were ablaze with debate regarding whether to delete accounts before the new rules kick in.

"Bye-bye Instagram," tweeted Scott Niness. "Who in their right mind will use a service that allows your images (to) be sold with no financial remuneration to you?"

"Nothing has changed about your photos' ownership or who can see them," Instagram said in a blog post when the policy changes were disclosed.

"Our updated privacy policy helps Instagram function more easily as part of Facebook by being able to share info between the two groups."

The move that would let advertisers work with people's Instagram pictures comes as the service tries to channel people to its website to view posted images.

Instagram this month made it impossible for Internet users to view its images in messages at fired off at Twitter.

Instagram, which has some 100 million users, is seeking to route photo viewers to its own website, where it has the potential to make money from ads or other mechanisms, instead of letting Twitter get the benefits.

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# Coal use set to surpass oil in a decade: IEA



PARIS (AFP) - Coal is set to surpass oil as the world's top fuel within a decade, driven by growth in emerging market giants China and India, with even Europe finding it hard to cut use despite pollution concerns, according to a report published Tuesday.

"Thanks to abundant supplies and insatiable demand for power from emerging markets, coal met nearly half of the rise in global energy demand during the first decade of the 21st century," said Maria van der Hoeven, head of the Interna-

tional Energy Agency.

Economic growth is expected to push up further coal's share of the global energy mix, "and if no changes are made to current policies, coal will catch oil within a decade," she said in a statement.

The latest IEA projections see coal consumption nearly catching oil consumption in four years time, rising to 4.32 billion tonnes of oil equivalent in 2017 against 4.4 billion tonnes for oil.

That has consequences for

climate change as coal produces far more carbon emissions responsible for global warming than other fuels.

But the IEA report on coal found that even countries which have committed themselves to reducing carbon emissions are finding it difficult to resist the renewed allure of coal.

A number of European countries have seen their use of coal for electricity consumption jump at the beginning of this year, including by 65 percent in Spain, 35 percent in Britain and 8 percent in Germany.

European countries have been slow to exploit shale gas deposits, concerned about possible environmental damage, but the IEA pointed out that the US experience shows that tapping it can bring benefits from lower coal use as well as lower electricity costs.

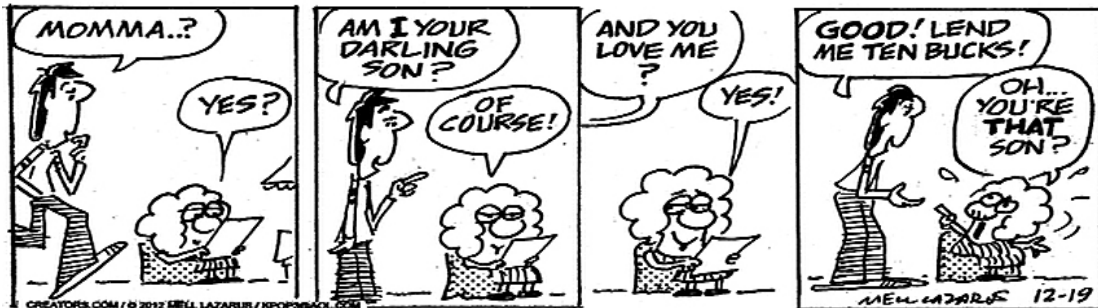


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15. Above and beyond
16. French feline
17. Winner's position
19. Weary (of)
20. Tokyo, formerly
21. Fee
22. Pre-breakfast farm activities
24. Low female voice
25. Pedestal
26. Theater walkway
29. "\_\_\_ Geordie"
31. Staircase post
34. Oil
36. Notoriously happy bird
38. "Schnozz" ender
39. Make a Mickey
40. Mr. Clean's nemesis
42. Hall of Fame outfielder Speaker
43. Lennon's muse
44. "There's a snake in my \_\_\_" (Woody, in "Toy Story")
45. Burns
47. Show pain
49. Dick Cavett's home st.
51. Isuzu model
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54. AKA Mars
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59. Seaman
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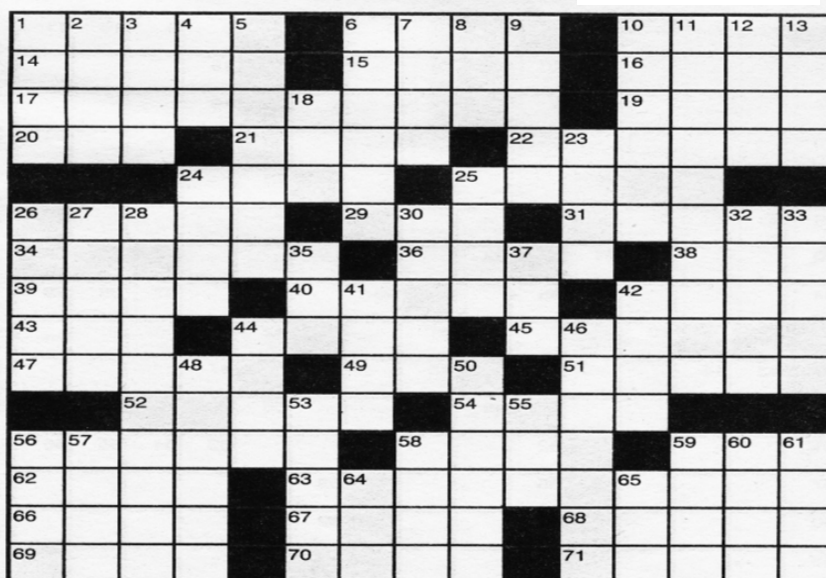
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68. Prepare to correct
69. Terminates
70. Poker stake
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1. "The \_\_\_ of Riley"
2. Waterless
3. Infamous Roman emperor
4. O'Toole, for one: abbr.
5. Resolves out of court
6. Pursue
7. Racetrack shape
8. Answering machine button: abbr.
9. Build
10. Play opener

11. Developing nations
12. Counterweight
13. Trendy vehicles, for short
18. Cooking item
23. Baseball's Bauer or Aaron
24. Wings
25. Join by sewing
26. Shining
27. Certain Mideast native
28. "\_\_\_ Rose"
30. Blueblood
32. Omit a sound
33. Rope, on the Ponderosa
35. The self
37. Thing, to a lawyer
41. Gossip purveyor Barrett
42. Rancho de

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44. Yogi, for one
46. Plants of the mustard family
48. Ridges
50. Bull Run or Chancelorsville
53. Hostess with the mostes'
55. Bleachers sound
56. Alley Oop's home
57. Presage
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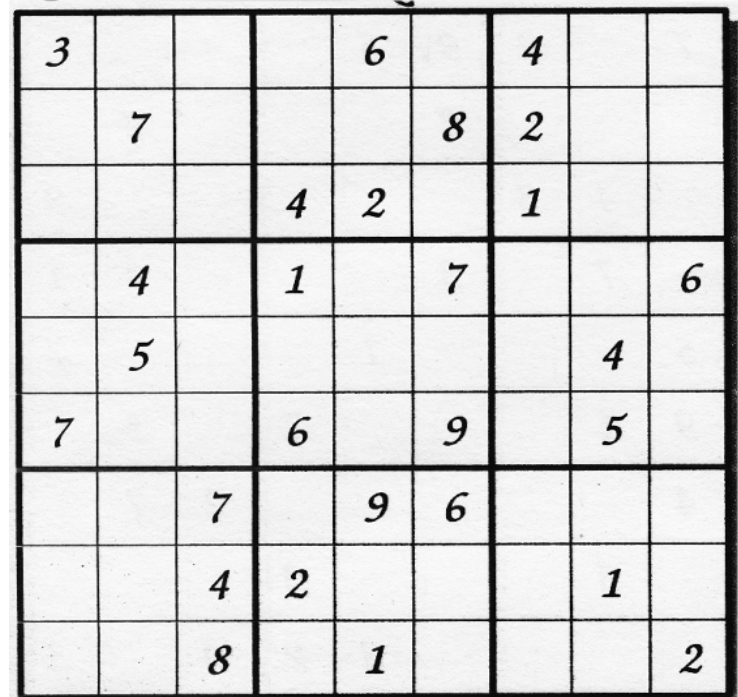
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5	1	1	5	2	7	6	9	8
5	9	2	8	5	6	1	1	7
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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# Finance



**Daily Exchange Rates**

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Switzerland	CHF	191.71	192.43	197.25
Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	239.30
Sweden	SEK	25.91	26.63	27.88
Denmark	DKK	30.23	30.95	32.31
Norway	NOK	30.67	31.39	32.68
Japan	JPY	214.88	216.84	212.97

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## Banks to issue alerts on TV regarding "Skimming"

--The Aruba Banker's Association has issued a communique to all clients to pay attention to an infomercial to be aired on TV regarding the phenomena of "skimming." This infomercial is to be aired on December 20th on ATV at 8:15 pm during the Tele Noticias on TeleAruba.

Skimming is prohibited and is punishable by law. The practice can be detrimental to all who use bank cards to collect money. It is especially during this busy season that the banks on Aruba want to make customers particularly aware of this phenomena so as to avoid becoming victims.

Skimming is a type of fraud by which perpetrators use highly sophisticated technology to copy information on your bank card. By copying the information on the magnetic strip on the bank card, combined with your PIN code, the perpetrator will obtain access to your bank account. In this manner they can make a new card with which they can steal money from your account.

The Aruba Banker's Association continues to promote the use of withdrawing money

electronically as a very safe method either from ATM machines or from swipe machines. However, great caution must be used when doing so, especially when travelling.

Avoid becoming a victim of skimming. Always be on the alert! Tune in to the TV programs to learn some valuable tips about skimming and how you can avoid becoming a victim.

The Banker's Association makes every effort to prevent skimming by making daily controls of all ATM machines and by introducing sophisticated security measures to detect any form of skimming.

All or local banks, CMB, RBC, Aruba Bank and Banco di Caribe is committed to protecting their client's interest in every sense also in the event they became victims of skimming.

## Obama demands Republicans compromise on fiscal cliff

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said Wednesday he and Republicans had narrowed differences over how to avoid the "fiscal cliff" to "a few hundred billion dollars," and urged his adversaries to compromise on a year-end deal.

Obama had campaigned for months on a platform of extending Bush-era tax breaks for households making under \$250,000 a year, as part of a 10-year deficit reduction plan that would entail raising tax revenues and slashing federal spending. He has since bumped the threshold up to \$400,000.

Republicans, led by House



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## Japan overseas deals top \$110 billion in 2012

TOKYO (AFP) - The value of deals by Japanese firms abroad has topped \$110 billion so far this year, according to data provider Dealogic Wednesday, a shopping spree driven by a strong yen and limp domestic market.

Softbank's \$20 billion takeover of US mobile carrier Sprint Nextel was a major contributor to the overseas shopping bonanza this year, which saw just over 700 deals

worth \$110.3 billion, beating last year's \$84 billion tally and far outpacing \$36 billion in 2010, the figures showed.

Softbank's announcement in October that it will buy 70 percent of the third-biggest US mobile carrier was Japan's biggest-ever overseas deal after Japan Tobacco's \$19 billion purchase of Britain's Galaher Group Plc in 2007.

Headline-grabbing deals in the past couple of years have included Takeda Pharmaceutical's 9.6 billion euro (\$12.7 billion) purchase of Swiss drugmaker Nycomed and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial's deal to buy the Royal Bank of Scotland's aircraft leasing arm for about \$7.3 billion.

Trading house Mitsubishi Corp. earlier this year announced a \$6.1 billion multi-year investment in Canadian shale gas assets, while advertising giant Dentsu said it would buy Britain-based Aegis for about \$5.0 billion.

Japan's slowing economy and rapidly ageing population, sagging exports to debt-battered Europe, and a strong yen which hit record highs around 75 to the dollar late last year and remains historically strong, are all helping to push the trend.

## Dutch deficit to hit 3.3% in 2013

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch economy will continue to shrink in the first half of 2013, an official forecast said on Wednesday, pushing the public deficit above the eurozone threshold to 3.3 percent of gross domestic product.

The Liberal-Labour coalition government formed in October had hoped for the deficit to drop below the key 3.0-percent ceiling after pushing through a tough austerity budget.

The Netherlands dipped into recession in the second half of 2011, from which it timidly emerged in the first quarter of 2012 with 0.3 percent growth. Second quarter 2012 growth was 0.2 percent.

But the Dutch economy shrank 1.1 percent in the third quarter of 2012, with this year's deficit predicted to be 3.8 percent of GDP.

The Dutch economy, which is largely export-based and therefore dependent on a healthy European economy, is set to contract 1 percent in 2012 and by 0.5 percent next year, the CBS said.

The Netherlands is a member of the European Union and of the eurozone.

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## Adios (goodbye) Jenni....



--A bright red casket with butterflies on it was center stage in a packed Los Angeles auditorium Wednesday as thousands of mourners bid farewell to Mexican-American singer Jenni Rivera. Brassy music rang out in the Gibson Amphitheatre, which holds 6,100 people. Photos showing Rivera with her family flashed in the background. Fans chanted her name, waving white roses in the air. Rivera sold 15 million records, according to Billboard, and recently won two Billboard Music Awards.



**MUMBAI (AFP) :** Two playboy bunnies pose for photos at the Indian Playboy club in Mumbai on December 19, 2012. Playboy unveiled a new-look bunny costume for its upcoming Indian club launch, opting for a more demure take on the waitress outfits but keeping the ears, bow-ties and fluffy tails. In a bid to appease conservative Indian values, the traditional skimpy corset has been replaced with a sari-inspired two-piece costume, comprising a one-shoulder top, a bare midriff and a sheer, full-length skirt with a split.

## La Linda Department Store- where Aruba shops!



**Calman and Anna Hochman**

Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very seriously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immi-

honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, deco-

Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

La Linda is continually expanding their inventory, with their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and moderately priced goods from



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all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

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A visit to La Linda and perusal of their interesting collection will make anyone understand why it has remained successful all these decades, and is still Aruba's favorite place to shop!



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grant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and



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## Adventures in eating at the new Rembrandt Café



Rembrandt Café in the South Beach Center has always been known as a bastion of authentic Dutch cuisine, but under new management of the amiable "Happy" Hans, who is thrilled to be realizing his dream with his own place, a new menu is proving exceptionally attractive and affordable.

Our team of Morning News taste testers decided to check out the house specialty, "Old Dutch Gourmet" meal at only \$27.50 per person, and recommend it heartily. It is an exceptional taste treat and something really different.

The main course entails an open grill placed at your table, with an ample assortment of chicken, beef, pork and shrimp for diners to cook to their preferred degree of doneness. They are served with three tasty sauces, creamy garlic, a mildly spicy and slightly sweet Thai Chili Sauce, and Indonesian soy that is quite different to what

most may be accustomed, but an integral part of Dutch cooking.

We found the meats and poultry exceptionally tender and tasty, and the cooking method is extremely healthy and low fat. Hans informed us



their poultry comes from Holland and meat from Argentina, and they are certified free of growth enhancers and other undesirable chemicals.

The difference is notable in the flavor, and the preparation is fun. The meal also includes a choice of soup or salad of the day and dessert of the day; we

found the main course with side dishes, was alone more than enough to fill up three hungry people.

Rembrandt has a charming, Old World, Dutch Pub ambiance and offers both indoor and outdoor dining on their cozy terrace. The service crew is a delight, and even the wine list is very reasonably priced. Aside from their house specialty, they offer an attractive menu of a la carte dishes including schnitzel, with an emphasis on fresh fish, also moderately priced. Unquestionably, the Old Dutch Gourmet is the big attraction, and you can't beat this great deal.

**Rembrandt Café is open seven days a week from noon until 1:00 AM and until 3:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays when they feature live music after 11:00 PM. After enjoying a unique dining adventure, patrons can linger at what turns into a chic lounge in the late hours; highly recommended for excellent value, delicious food and congenial service.**



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## SPORTS

### Winter Sport:



VAL-THORENS, France (AFP) David Duncan of Canada, Brady Leman of Canada, Andreas Matt of Austria and Daniel Bohnacker of Germany compete during the semi final of the FIS men's Skicross World Cup on December 19, 2012 at the Val Thorens ski resort in the French Alps.



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PORTO ALEGRE (AFP) : Brazilian former striker Ronaldo Nazario (R) and French former footballer Zinedine Zidane (L) joke during a press conference to announce "The Match Against Poverty", in Porto Alegre yesterday. This 10th edition of the charity football match organized by UNDP will be held at newly inaugurated Gremio Arena. In Ronaldo's team will play Brazilians Neymar, Lucas, Bebeto, Cafu, Roberto Carlos and Zico, and in Zidane's team will play Portuguese Deco, Japanese Nakata, Argentine Juan Pablo Sorin, French Karembeu, Swedish Freddie Ljungberg and Paraguayan Carlos Gamarra.



MUENOS AIRES (AFP) : Argentine boxer WBC Middleweight Champion Sergio Martinez (L) and British boxer Martin Murray pose for the press after a news conference in Buenos Aires, on December 19, 2012, announcing a fight for next April 27 in Argentina.

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## NBA: Heat use strong fourth to beat 'Wolves

MIAMI (AFP) - Miami blew open a close contest with a 17-6 run in the fourth quarter as they beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 103-92 behind a 24-point performance from Dwyane Wade on Tuesday.

LeBron James finished with 22 points and 11 assists for the reigning NBA champion Heat who captured their fourth victory in five games.

Chris Bosh also scored 15 points to help the Heat prevail in front of a crowd of 19,862 at the American Airlines Arena.

The Heat won despite being out-rebounded by 52-24 and outscored in the paint 58-36.

Miami shot a superb 52 percent (13-of-25) from three-point range as Mario Chalmers hit four-of-six from beyond the arc. Chalmers had 12 points and Shane Battier went three-of-seven from three-point range.

Andrei Kirilenko had 22 points to pace the Minnesota attack. Nikola Pekovic finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves who lost their second straight after compiling a season-best four-game win streak.

Kevin Love grabbed 18 rebounds for Minnesota, but went just two-of-10 from the



field while ending with 11 points.

Miami have now won their last five games against Minnesota.

## Cancer operation sidelines Barca coach



BARCELONA (AFP) - Barcelona coach Tito Vilanova must have surgery today and six weeks of treatment after suffering a cancer relapse, the Spanish league leaders said.

Vilanova, 44, has led Barcelona to their best league start ever but he must now undergo weeks of further care for cancer in his salivary gland, the club said Wednesday.

Doctors monitoring him following a cancer operation a year ago detected "an extension of his condition which will require surgery" plus chemotherapy or radiotherapy for "about six weeks" a club statement said.

It said that "depending on how he develops, he could combine the treatment with his working life" -- but the club's president Sandro Rosell at a news conference later appeared to think Vilanova would be out for weeks.

"We will have to try to go on as normally as possible, but there will not be total normality, because Tito is the coach

and now for a few weeks he will not be there," Rosell said.

Barca's sporting director Andoni Zubizarreta said assistant coach Jordi Roura would stand in for the time being, acting as coach when the side travels to Valladolid for Saturday's league game.

Zubizarreta rejected speculation that Barcelona's previous coach Pep Guardiola who left last season would step back in.

The news came at a dramatic moment for Barca, flying nine points high at the top of La Liga while their fierce rivals and title holders Real Madrid are suffering a malaise.

Jose Mourinho's Real are 13 points adrift in third place and rattled by reports of internal squabbles.

Atletico Madrid are in second place, nine points behind Barcelona.

Vilanova has been Barca manager since the departure of his long-time comrade-in-arms Guardiola in April.

## Baseball: Japan's Nakajima signs with A's



OAKLAND, California (AFP) - Japanese slugger Hiroiyuki Nakajima signed a two-year contract with the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday. The 30-year-old Nakajima joins the Athletics following an all-star career with the Seibu Lions of Japan's Pacific League. With the Lions, he was a three-time gold glove winner and an eight-time all-star. He has a .302 lifetime batting average over 11 seasons. Last year with the Lions, Nakajima belted 13 home runs and 74 RBI in 136 games.

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## Basketball: Krzyzewski, Auriemma share Coach of Year award

COLORADO SPRINGS, (AFP) - Mike Krzyzewski and Geno Auriemma, who guided their squads to gold medals at the London Olympics, were named co-winners on Wednesday of the USA Basketball Coach of the Year award.

Krzyzewski, whose Duke University men's team is unbeaten and the top-ranked team among American colleges this season, guided the US squad of NBA stars to gold for the second Olympics in a row at London.

Auriemma, whose University of Connecticut squad is second in the US college coaches' rankings, guide the American team of Women's NBA stars to an unprecedented fifth Olympic gold medal in a row.

"Our two coaches built outstanding teams for USA Basketball that our country was proud to cheer on in London," USA Basketball executive director Jim Tooley said.

"From the start of their involvement with our national team programs, 'Coach K' and Geno have exemplified the qualities they stressed to our players, including commitment, selfless service and excellence."

Krzyzewski also won the award from USA Basketball's board of directors in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2010.

"To have an opportunity to keep winning them means you had great teams that accomplished," Krzyzewski said. "For any coaching award, it's what the players have done. It's LeBron James and Kobe (Bryant) and Kevin Durant and all of those guys coming through. I've been a lucky guy to be a part of it."

Auriemma also shared the award with Krzyzewski in 2010.

"To coach the Olympic team is an amazing opportunity that you are very fortunate to have," Auriemma said. "They were just unbelievably committed to winning and I don't know if I'll ever be around a group like that ever again."



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## Boxing: Tyson, Leonard, De la Hoya enter Nevada Hall of Fame

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) - Legendary fighters Mike Tyson, Oscar de la Hoya, "Sugar" Ray Leonard, Larry Holmes and Julio Cesar Chavez were among the inaugural inductees named Wednesday to the Nevada Boxing Hall of Fame.

Voting was done by the group's board of directors with enshrinement ceremonies to be staged in 2013.

Also inducted were fighters Diego Corrales and Mike McCallum, trainers Eddie Futch and Freddie Roach, promoters Don King and Bob Arum, referees Joe Cortez and Mills Lane, executives Marc Ratner and James Nave, reporters Al Bernstein and Royce Feur and contributors Kirk Kirkorian and Sig Rogich.

Former undisputed heavyweight champion Tyson went 50-6 with 44 knockouts and was the youngest man to hold the crown while Holmes, 69-6 with 44 knockouts, owned the heavyweight title from 1978 through 1985.

Leonard, 36-3 with one drawn and 25 knockouts, was a 1976 Montreal Olympic champion and a 1980s star with victories over Roberto Duran, Marvin Hagler and Tommy Hearns.

"Golden Boy" De la Hoya, 39-6 with 30 knockouts, won 10 world titles in six weight

divisions and has become a top promoter while Chavez, 107-6 with two drawn and 88

knockouts, was a Mexican legend and three-division world champion.

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